

PUBLIC NOTICES**HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES****DIVISION OF HEALTH FACILITIES EVALUATION AND LICENSING****OFFICE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND HEALTHCARE FACILITY LICENSURE****Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Calls for Pediatric Long-Term Care and Specialized Long-Term Care (that is, Ventilator, Behavior Modification) Beds and Services**

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. (P.L. 1971, c. 136, as amended), the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) hereby publishes notice that, pursuant to P.L. 1998, c. 43 (codified at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7c) and certificate of need administrative rules at N.J.A.C. 8:33, the certificate of need call for Specialized Long-Term Care Beds and Services, originally scheduled to take place on January 2, 2008 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2 (see 34 N.J.R. 2814(a)) is hereby cancelled. In accordance with departmental procedures as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department has reviewed Statewide pediatric long-term care bed inventories and bed utilization and determined that additional pediatric long-term care beds and services and beds and services for patients with severe behavior management problems are not needed at this time. The Department completed a review of certificate of need applications for new and expanded specialized long-term care beds and services for ventilator-dependent patients (see 35 N.J.R. 1739(c)) on September 23, 2005. As of October 1, 2007, only 37 of the 156 new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator-dependent patients (24 percent) that were granted certificate of need approval have been licensed. Accordingly, it is necessary to cancel the call for new and expanded pediatric and specialized long-term care beds/services at this time to allow sufficient time for the implementation of these additional specialized long-term care beds/services. The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of pediatric long-term care beds and, should the need arise, issue a future call for these services. Likewise, the Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of specialized long-term care beds, once all previous applications for new beds and services are implemented, and, should the need arise, issue a future call for these services. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2, the next scheduled deadline for the submission of pediatric and specialized long-term care beds/services will be January 2, 2009.